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- (c) No qualifications have been prescribed for superintendents, etc., appointed by the Board, who make the selection on a consideration of all the circumstances of the case.
- (d) Four.
- (e) Budgets are submitted to the Board only by excepted temples in respect of which schemes have not been settled by courts. Of these, four provide for free religious and moral instruction.
- (f) No.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—“ With reference to clause (c), may I know whether the Government propose to prescribe the qualifications and methods of recruitment ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ That might be considered by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.”

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know whether the Board has made proposals for framing rules and qualifications ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ No.”

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know, Sir, with reference to (f) whether it is not in the power of the Government to compel temples and mutts to allot a portion of their income to provide free religious and moral instruction ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ It does not lie in the power of the Government to do so.”

Work done by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1789 Q.—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of proceedings of a judicial character, original or appellate, heard and decided by the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Board ever since it was set up and the average pendency of an original proceeding and of an appellate proceeding ;

(b) whether it is a fact that most part of the time and attention of the Commissioners is being absorbed by judicial enquiries ;

(c) whether the said Board has effected any administrative co-ordination or standardization by the introduction of forms of account, and a system of audit or inspection of accounts of religious endowments and periodical reports of administration by trustees and committees ;

(d) how many schemes of management or administration have so far been settled by the Board for maths and how many for temples ;

(e) how many of them have since been modified ; and

(f) what schemes, if any, decreed by civil courts under section 92, Civil Procedure Code, have been modified at the instance of the Board ?

A.—(a) Two thousand and sixty original and 83 appellate proceedings up to the 10th February 1930. The average pendency of each proceeding cannot be worked out without an undue amount of labour and time.

(b) No.

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- (c) Yes. Forms have been standardized for budgets in the case of non-excepted temples, for budgets and for statements of actual receipts and disbursements in the case of maths and excepted temples and for administration reports in the case of committees. On account of financial reasons, no systematic audit of maths and temples has yet been introduced.
- (d) For 25 maths and 545 temples.
- (e) Two and 39 respectively.
- (f) In the case of four temples.

Excise

Audit of the receipts of the Excise and Registration Departments.

* 1790 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what action has been taken by him for the audit of the receipts of the Excise and Registration departments on an independent basis with reference to the policy outlined by him in his speech at page 182 of the Council Proceedings, dated 1st March 1928?

A.—No action was taken.

Medical

Selection of sub-assistant surgeons.

* 1791 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) whether there was a selection in February 1929 for the appointment of sub-assistant surgeons;
- (b) the number of Brahmins, non-Brahman caste Hindus, depressed classes, Anglo-Indians and Muhammadans that applied for the same;
- (c) how many of each community appeared before the Selection Board;
- (d) the number and names of selected candidates in each community and their experience in their profession;
- (e) whether the candidates who were doing semi-Government service in rural dispensaries (municipal and local board) are given preference;
- (f) whether the communal Government Order was applied in the selection of candidates;
- (g) whether they are now provided with appointments; and
- (h) if the answer to (g) is in the negative, what is the reason for the delay in providing them with appointments?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) A list^a showing the names of the selected candidates and the communities to which they belong is appended. The Government have no information as to their experience in the profession.

(e) The Government have no information.

^a Printed as Appendix VIII on page 944 infra.